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April 28, 2021

Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro & Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Browns River Dredging Project through the Army Corps of Engineers – Operation and Maintenance in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Islip, located at 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751.

The purpose of the funding will be to reshape the spoil site including removal of dredge spoils which encompasses moving approximately 40,000 yards of sediment to harden the existing dike structure, creating an appropriate site for the new dredge spoils. The funding will also allow for the dredging of the east and west town marinas to a projected 6 feet below mean low water. It will also lead to associated site work including the repair and replacement of bulkheads, docks, and moorings.

The Browns River Dredging project will have a significant positive impact on the Town of Islip, its residents, and the local economy. By allowing the completion of this much needed project, Browns River will once again serve as a vital commercial corridor for greater Sayville and provide easy access for tourists visiting Fire Island. More importantly, the completed dredging project will provide proper access for emergency vehicles and meet the needs of the already assigned federal Evacuation Route for Fire Island and the surrounding coastal area.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Andrew R. Garbarino Member of Congress

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